

EAP 223 Academic Reading – Outside Reader: *Things Fall Apart*
PREREADING STUDY GUIDE – Chapters 5-7

Study Questions for Chapters 5-7 Use these questions to guide you through your reading of chapters 5-7.
Document your answers on this sheet to help you study for the quiz on chapters 5-7.

1. Describe the Feast of the New Yam.
2. Who was Okonkwo's favorite child, and what did he often say about the child?
3. What unacceptable thing did Okonkwo do just before the Feast of the New Yam?
4. Who was Chielo, and why was she important?
5. What sport did the villagers enjoy watching during their feasting?
6. What influence did Ikemefuna have on Nwoye?
7. How did Okonkwo feel about Ikemefuna's influence on Nwoye?
8. How did the villagers feel about the coming of the locusts, and what did they do about it?
9. What did the village decide to do with Ikemefuna?
10. Who struck the last blow to Ikemefuna, and why?

Vocabulary for Chapters 5-7

Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Context Clues.

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Use any clues you can find in the sentence, combined with your prior knowledge, to understand the italicized words.

1. The new year must begin with tasty, fresh yams and not the shriveled and *fibrous* crop of the previous year.
2. All cooking pots, *calabashes*, and wooden bowls were thoroughly washed, especially the wooden mortar in which yam was pounded.
3. The drums rose to a *frenzy*.
4. Old men nodded to the beat of the drums and remembered the days when they wrestled to its *intoxicating* rhythm.
5. Within a short time the two *bouts* were over.
6. Nwoye would *feign* annoyance and grumble aloud about women and their troubles.
7. And when he did this he saw that his father was pleased, and no longer *rebuked* him.
8. They went back to their caves in a distant land, where they were guarded by a race of *stunted* men.
9. They were the *harbingers* sent to survey the land.
10. Okonkwo sat in his obi crunching happily with Ikemefuna and Nwoye, and drinking palm-wine *copiously*....

Part II: Determining the Meaning Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| ___ 1. fibrous | A. forerunners |
| ___ 2. calabashes | B. criticized; reprimanded |
| ___ 3. frenzy | C. contests; matches |
| ___ 4. intoxicating | D. violent mental agitation; wild excitement |
| ___ 5. bouts | E. threadlike |
| ___ 6. feign | F. abundantly |
| ___ 7. rebuked | G. stopped from growing |
| ___ 8. stunted | H. pretend; represent falsely |
| ___ 9. harbingers | I. stimulating or exciting |
| ___ 10. copiously | J. containers made from dried gourds |